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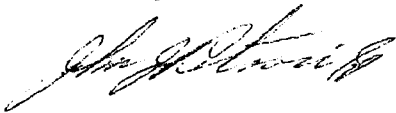
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to let you know my views on the Microsoft settlement. First and foremost, this case has been in litigation for many years now. Secondly, this lawsuit should not have concerned the federal government, since no laws have been broken. Settlements have been reached in various states, all of which have involved appropriate concessions, including more information sharing and changes in Microsoft's business practices.

I have firsthand experience with big business. I previously worked in the steel industry, and due to government intervention and regulation, I was put out of work when the companies were broken up. Pennsylvania's steel industry will never be the same. I urge to you please do your best to see that this does not happen to Microsoft. Our nation's IT industry depends on companies such as Microsoft, and our economy also depends on the IT industry. Please discontinue these lawsuits and help our economy return to normalcy.

I strongly suggest that it is in the best interests of everyone to discontinue these lawsuits so our economy can return to a sense of normalcy.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum